

DOMINION WIDE SEARCH FOR RED LITERATURE ON

Raids Carried Out by Police at
Winnipeg, Brandon, Saska-
toon, Montreal and
Victoria.

HOPE TO FIND EVIDENCE
OF REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT

Raid in Winnipeg Due to In-
quiries Made Before Recent
Strike Started.

WINNIPEG, July 2.—Documents, literature and letters of a revolutionary character were seized when the Labor Temple and the homes of thirty members of the radical Socialist party of Canada and members of the Ukrainian Social-Democrat party were raided early yesterday morning. The raid, which was consequent upon investigation which had been proceeding for months, long before it was thought Winnipeg would have a general strike, and is part of the programme against the spread of Bolshevism, was carried out by the Royal North West Mounted Police under the direction of the federal authorities.

Among the houses visited and searched by the mounted police were those of men who had been prominently connected with the general strike.

The homes of Matthew Charitonoff and Devyetenko, who are now held in Stony Mountain penitentiary, in connection with the arrests of June 17, were also visited. It is understood that among the literature seized was some received direct from Russia.

One effect of the raid, it is authoritatively stated, is to convince the authorities more than ever that, underlying the present unrest in Canada, is a well defined movement to encourage revolutionary movements.

"We are dealing with an attempt to revolutionize the public and especially the working classes should be wise to it," was one of the comments by an officer who took part in the raid.

Big Raid in Montreal.

MONTREAL, July 2.—A concerted raid by 130 policemen under the direction of Chief Belanger was carried out early yesterday morning in all the foreign quarters of the city and some thousands of Bolshevik and Socialistic literature were seized. No arrests were made, but the police, armed with a special warrant supplied by the federal authorities, ransacked the premises, took up carpets, searched cupboards, examined the papers of inmates, thoroughly searching the places visited, including houses in the red light district, hotels and apartment houses in every part of the city.

Two squads of men who returned to police headquarters shortly before 10 a.m. brought with them about a ton of newspapers, booklets, journals, correspondence and telegrams which, it is believed, will give the authorities much valuable information linking up the activities of the "Red" element in Winnipeg with Montreal, between which two cities there has been apparently a regular exchange of Bolshevik correspondence. The correspondence brought in by the first squad was chiefly from Toronto, Hamilton and Windsor. Marriage certificates also fell into the police net as did a red flag bearing the initials "I. W. W." taken from a house on Cadieux Street.

While all the squads swooped down on the addresses furnished them promptly at midnight, there was indication that several of the foreigners known to hold Bolshevik and advanced Socialist views had anticipated such a surprise visit, and some of the houses were vacant when the police arrived.

Literature Seized at Brandon.

BRANDON, Man., July 2. — The Trades and Labor Hall here was raided during Monday night by the Royal Northwest Mounted Police under command of Inspector French. The homes of three strike leaders also were visited. In the raids large quantities of literature and records were confiscated. Inspector French is taking the evidence collected to Winnipeg.

Labor Temple Visted.

SASKATOON, July 2.—The local Labor Temple was raided by the Royal North West Mounted Police at four o'clock Monday afternoon. No arrests were made, but a large number of documents were seized.

Labor Organ Raided.

VICTORIA, July 2.—The premises of the Tribune, the local labor organ, were raided by the North West Mounted Police, Monday, a number of papers being seized. The warrant on which the seizures were made was signed by A. E. Andrews, a justice of the peace of Winnipeg, and was based on testimony of A. E. Reakes of Winnipeg, bearing on the suspicion that evidence would be found connected with the Winnipeg strike leaders now awaiting trial for sedition. In an edition of the Tribune printed after the seizures the search is characterized as "illegal" and the statement made that the papers seized are unconnected with any of the matters mentioned in the warrant.